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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97, Applicants herewith submit the publications and/or patents shown on the attached form PTO-1449, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.



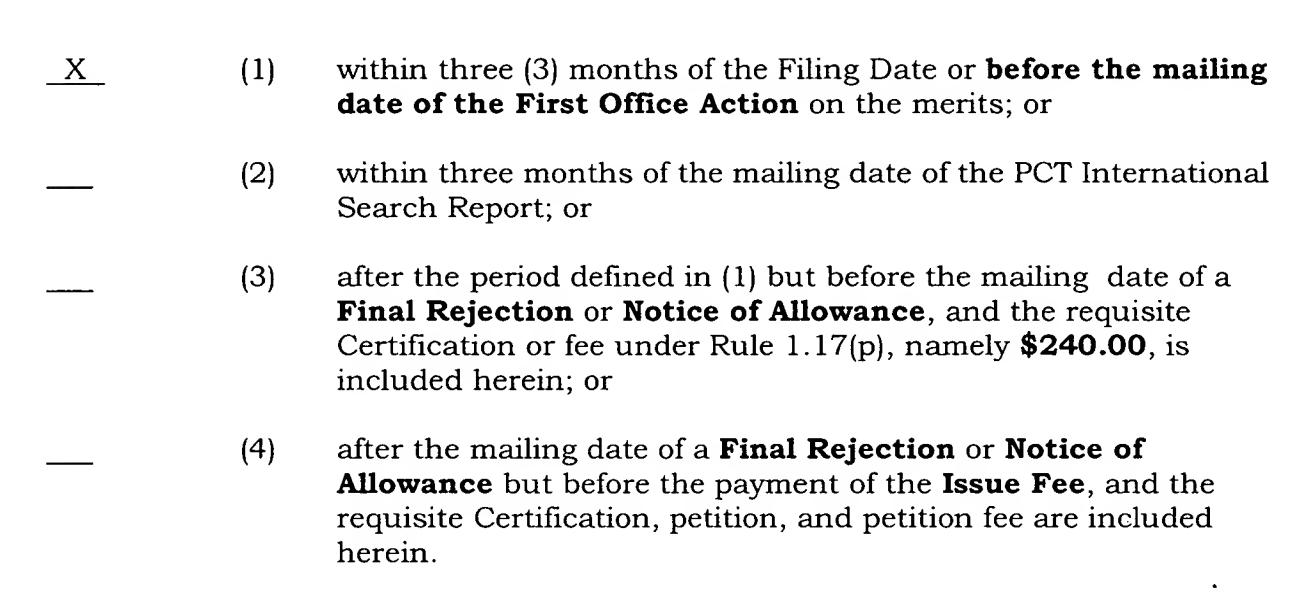
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REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed:



It is respectfully requested that each of the documents shown on the attached form(s) PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

The following references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior applications and, therefore, are not required to be provided in this application. They are identified on the enclosed PTO Form 1449 as BA through BD, and CA through CL.

Copies of documents not cited in prior applications are enclosed herewith. They are identified as BE and BF on the enclosed PTO Form 1449..

Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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